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Applicant: S. Brown                      Attorney Docket No. HERO-1-1097  
Serial No: 09/625,080                      Group Art Unit: 2761  
Filed: July 25, 2000                      Examiner: G. Morgan  
Title: AGGREGATING AND POOLING INFORMATION IN A  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITH FEEDBACK

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents:  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In the Claims:

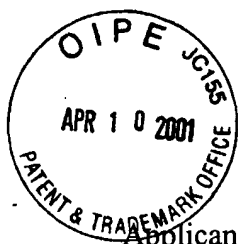
Please cancel Claims 1-15.

Please add the following claims:

16. A method of aggregating information for individuals in a population thereof, said method comprising:

- a) collecting information for each individual at a client device associated with said individual;
  - b) sending said collected information from said client device to a server device;
  - c) generating statistical information from said collected information sent from a plurality of said client devices;
  - d) distributing said statistical information to said individuals; and
  - e) repeating steps a - d after a period of time has elapsed,
- wherein said statistical information includes one or more aggregate values of the collected information, and wherein the collected information is an amount of weight loss





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### AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted with this letter is

(1) an amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 and

(2) a return postcard. The claim fee for the amended claims is as follows:

### COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	4	Minus	20	=	0	x	\$9	=	0.00
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	=	0	x	\$40	=	0.00
Total additional Fee for this Amendment									\$0.00

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any



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overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 501050. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. *A copy of this letter is enclosed.*

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I hereby certify that this communication is being deposited with the United States Postal Service via Express Mail No. EL476261466US under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Box Amendment, Washington, D.C., 20231.

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